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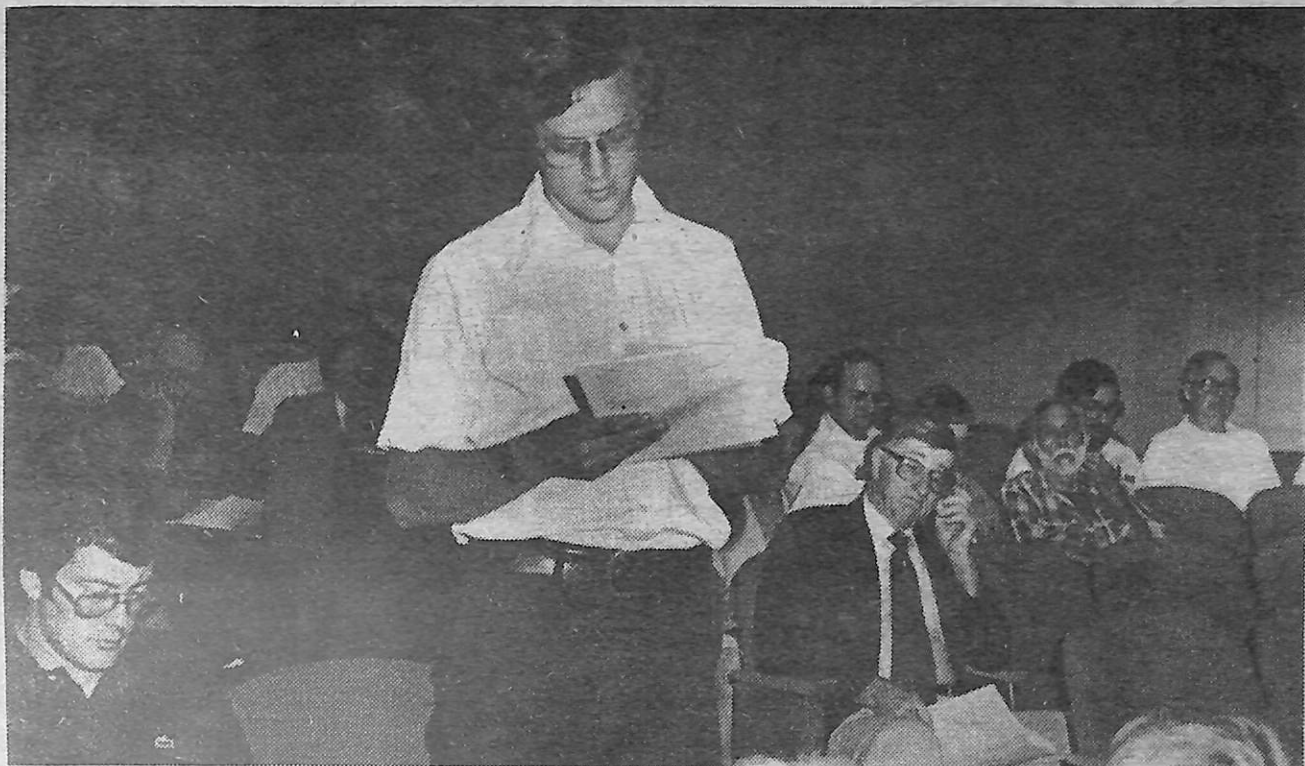
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PAUL BAHLIN of 20 Jeffrey Circle, Southwick, questioned procedures during the Southwick Town Meeting Tuesday night. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Approves 1983 Budget

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: About 175 residents Tuesday unanimously voted to raise and appropriate \$4,765,237.57 for fiscal 1983. According to Town Accountant Eileen Whiting, each \$62,260.30 spent equals \$1 on the tax rate.

After little more than an hour discussion, the controversial School Department budget passed with little objection. The \$3,248,990 amount is up 7.7 percent over the present year's appropriation.

As recommended by the Finance Committee late Tuesday, the School Committee agreed to cut \$75,000 from its operational account anticipating savings in fuel costs from planned installation of energy conservation devices in the schools. If such devices are not installed, the School Committee will ask a special town meeting for the \$75,000, according to Francis Ehrhardt, Finance Board chairman.

Much of the Finance Committee's objection to the school budget dealt with the three-year term of the teachers' contract as negotiated by the School Committee, as they felt it unfair of the School Department to commit the town for such a long time in light of current economic conditions.

The contract for 5%, 5½%, and 6% increases obligates the town to \$173,840 next year and \$184,270 in fiscal 1985. Ehrhardt said, "It is unfortunate the town has no say in this most costly part of its budget." The contracts have already been approved by teachers and school officials, who defend it saying it is the lowest in the area.

After much discussion involving athletic fees, special needs, vocational and state-mandated programs and per pupil costs, Harold Heap of Ed Colcomb Road moved the school budget item, noting it much heat and no light was being shed on the subject. The total budget passed with a unanimous voice.

Water Department Amendment Ups Clerk's Time

The Water Department budget was amended by \$931.20 to allow for the now part-time clerk to work full time.

Commissioner William Brown explained that the clerk now is forced to finish work at home and "this is not fair." The Finance Committee didn't recommend an amendment, according to Ehrhardt, because they were "waiting for a concrete proposal of the work schedule so that maybe her hours could be adjusted." The Water Department has an annual income of \$50,000 and is self-supporting, according to Accountant Whiting.

Residents approved the amendment by a 65 to 55 vote. The total water budget of \$111,720.40 was also approved.

Labor Negotiator Recommended

The Finance Committee recommended a \$14,400

expenditure for the legal account which includes \$2,000 for a labor negotiator. Ehrhardt noted that the committee feels all town contracts should be done by a single negotiator to maintain a fair system for all town employees, including those of the School Department.

Presently, the selectmen are paying a labor consultant \$2,000 for help with general town contracts and the School Committee is paying \$750 for a negotiator for their contracts.

According to Selectwoman Vivian Brown, the consultant for the town, besides working with present negotiators, is also rewriting all of the contracts so the "town will not be faced with surprise expenses incurred at retirements or for overtime."

School Committee Chairperson Priscilla Deveno said the school negotiator, an ex-school committeeman, is well-versed in labor laws and cited his experience in business. Former School Committeeman John Scully noted past problems in negotiating contracts without expert help and suggested increasing the negotiator's pay and hiring him to work for the entire town.

Other Budgets Approved

The assessors' budget was reduced nearly 50% because of the retirement of a clerk who was not replaced. The recommended \$17,918 figure was approved.

The account for maintenance of town buildings was increased by more than \$1,200. Selectmen plan to purchase an emergency generator for the Police Department and an automatic garage door opener for the Fire Department garage.

According to Selectman Russell Fox, if the large door can be closed when vehicles leave the garage, it will mean less of a heat loss.

The total amount approved was \$61,060 and includes salary and general operating funds.

The Highway Department accounts are up more than \$40,000 to a total of \$239,180. Much of the increase will be used in repair and replacement of equipment and repair of roads which have been neglected because of past budget restraints, according to officials.

Fox said, in past years, highway operational funds had been used to pay for street lighting when that account fell short.

The library trustees' request for a 28% increase in their budget was approved. They plan to hire a part-time person at a salary of \$3,329.

Voters also approved a recommendation for \$6,000 for a moisture study of the Town Hall and school roofs. The study will allow officials to make a better decision concerning which roofs will be replaced or repaired and the best method to use.

The remaining budget items passed, many unanimously, with little or no discussion from voters present.

Decisive Vote Defeats Suffield 1983 Budget

By Connie Davis

SUFFIELD: By a decisive 1170-566 vote, the proposed 1982-83 municipal budget was defeated in Thursday's referendum at Spaulding School.

Finance Board Went To Work

Within 30 minutes of the close of the polls, Board of Finance members met to reduce the budget. Before the budget session ended, \$100,000 was cut from the Board of Education budget.

Additional cuts voted include: Police Department, \$10,000; Fire Department, \$3,000; Recreation Department, \$5,000; Zoning and Planning Commission, \$1,500; Selectmen's Account, \$500; Treasurer's Account, \$1,500; Assessors Office, \$1,000; and Contingencies, \$2,000.

Increases in revenue, include \$40,000 in current and prior taxes which have been collected this month, as well as another \$5,000 anticipated by June 30th. In addition, \$30,000 which had been approved in last year's budget for a development plan, was rescinded, swelling available funds to \$75,000. Therefore, the board cut only \$125,000 from the budget.

Reaction to the referendum vote was immediate and predictable. Education Chairman Robert Newman said, "The school are going to go right down the sewers." His contention is that the school system is being adversely affected by increased spending required to finance sewer expansion.

"Cuts Not Deep Enough"

For Peter Thomas of 854 Overhill Drive, the cuts weren't deep enough. "The 2-1 veto of the budget is a call for major reduction of the Board of Education budget," he said.

Thomas said after the Board of Finance meeting that, "Board members are disregarding the mandate of the people; 27 percent of residents have children in schools, yet education commands over 64 percent of the total budget. The other 73 percent of residents without children in school should get a little more for their tax dollar."

A printed handout from Thomas illustrated the budget "pie," showing a "Pac-Man-like" portion (education) devouring the smaller slice (selectmen's budget).

Contacted after the meeting, First Selectman Earl Waterman said that the Board of Selectmen "will absolutely recommend defeat" of the newly proposed budget.

Police Chief Murray Phelps was amazed at the cuts to this department. Public sentiment at town meetings has favored no cuts in the area of public safety, he said, including fire and police departments.

A referendum on the budget was necessitated after voters narrowly rejected the \$8.73 mill budget at a recent town meeting and 375 names were secured on budget petitions.

The high tax increase proposed on the 1982-83 budget is a result of inflation, short-term bonding for sewer projects as well as depletion of available surplus fund. Town officials hope to resolve the budgetary flaps before the new fiscal year begins July 1.

The revised budget will come before taxpayers on Thursday, June 24th at 8 p.m. at Suffield High School. EDITOR'S NOTE: Residents may review Suffield's newly-revised municipal budget on page 11 of the ADVERTISER/NEWS.

Finance Board Allows Transfers

By Connie Davis

SUFFIELD: Finance Board members Monday night acted on requests from several town commissions for additional funds as the current fiscal year draws to a close.

Fire Commissioner Bob Day reported a shortfall in the Fire Department budget of \$1,985, due primarily to the cost of utilities. Further unanticipated expenses, however, resulted from recent heavy rains.

Chief Tom Bellmore said the department purchased sump pumps to assist residents in pumping out flooded basements. The SFD worked around the clock during the emergency flood conditions, Bellmore noted, and covering the town used an excess of gasoline. Finance Board authorized \$1,895 to be taken from contingencies from the Fire Department budget.

Water Pollution Control Authority Superintendent Paul Barnett commented further on storm damage that was sustained in the Stony Brook area. Barnett expects that repairs to the sewer pipe, which broke and collapsed into Stony Brook during the storm, to be completed this week.

The cost of repairs, \$15,000, will be taken from the Reserve Capacity Maintenance fund, according to Barnett.

He added that use of fill materials authorized by the Board of Selectmen resulted in substantial savings in cost of repairs to the washed-out access road which leads to the town's sewerage treatment plant.

First Selectman Earl Waterman noted that town money expended for storm damage is reimbursible. Waterman stated, however, that designation of the disaster area as being "from Hartford south" might cause difficulty in obtaining outside funds.

In other business, the board transferred \$6,800 from contingencies to the street light account to cover the months of May and June.

Lorette Russell, chairperson of the Zoning and Planning Commission, explained to Finance Board members that unexpected legal fees necessitated a request for \$3,485 which was then authorized.

In further action, expenditures up to \$16,000 were approved to resurface the Suffield High School track. Located behind the school, the track was originally installed in 1973. Resurfacing must be completed soon to avoid a major overhaul, according to officials.

Board member Gary Mandirola said that repairs should be done before another winter, and had been recommended by the Commission on Capital Expenditures last fall. Repair costs will be taken from surplus funds of the education budget.

Finally, the board acted on the issue of residents wishing to speak at regular meetings. Last month a communication from the Board of Education to residents advised them to appear at a Finance Board meeting to express their views.

The Board of Education did not advise residents that the meeting in question was not a public hearing. As a result of action taken by the board Monday night, residents who attend Finance Board meetings will be allowed to participate only at the discretion of the chairperson. If the topic under consideration has been covered at a public hearing, it will not be opened again for discussion.

Board member Rockwood Berry described the job of Finance Board members as that of setting up the budget, not to hear public opinion. However, he acknowledged the need for better communication from the board to the public.

In conclusion, the board discussed a job description for a secretary to cover its meeting.

Alice Cannon, office manager for the Town Treasurer, who has functioned as secretary to the board for the past 10 years, can no longer afford the time from her regular duties.

Southwick Property Bills Sent Out To Residents

SOUTHWICK: All of the property tax bills for the town have been sent out, dated June 9, 1982, according to Town Clerk Barbara Pooler. Payment of the bills is due 30 days from issue.

After July 9th, 1982, all unpaid bills are subject to 14 percent charges, retroactive to the date of issue, she said.

Meeting Rescheduled

SOUTHWICK: The Lakes Restoration Corporation has rescheduled its regular monthly meeting on June 16th of **Thursday, June 24th** at 7:30 p.m. at the New Brass Rail on Point Grove.

An election of officers will take place at this meeting. Those interested in the group's goals are welcome to attend.

Town Meeting Bans Nude Dancing

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: At the two hour session Wednesday night of the Annual Town Meeting residents voted to ban nude dancing and semi-nude entertainment at licensed liquor establishments in town and to limit the number of video games to three at any location.

The 76 voters present also approved a by-law that would require residents to clearly number property for easier location, especially by emergency vehicles.

Town Counsel John Burke explained that the local regulation "prohibiting the display of the body in licensed liquor establishments" was based on state regulation passed in December 1981.

It would be enforced by the local Board of Selectmen or by the state authorities. The state law, Burke said, was "not limited to dancing and was very specific in its wording."

Video Games Limited

With a nearly unanimous voice vote, the town has limited the number of automatic video devices in any business establishment. The same by-law addition forbids "Video Poker" and any video device used for gambling purposes.

The aim of the by-law, according to Selectwoman Vivian Brown, is "to discourage kids hanging around in gangs."

Mrs. Brown added, "We can get together with the youth groups in town to establish good clean activities for our children, but arcades will bring organized crime into the community."

Harold Heap of Ed Holcomb Road said, "It seems hypocritical that a town which last year denied funds for the operation of the youth commission center now denies amusement facilities to teenagers. With the proper supervision, they (arcades) can be run without trouble."

Police Chief Charles Wolfe said a concentration of many machines in one area will "definitely give us a problem."

House Numbers

With a 70 to 5 vote, the town adopted a by-law forcing property owners to clearly number residences. The by-law also makes official a system of numbering which, according to officials is already in existence but had no enforcement. The new regulation carries a \$20 fine for those who fail to comply.

Some present questioned if this would be an infringement of privacy of those who do not want their homes identified. But according to Firefighter Edward Pepe and Chief Melbert Johnson, it is extremely important for fire or ambulance vehicles to reach an emergency quickly before more serious problems develop.

Pepe said, "Landmarks and house colors are useless because either they are unknown to newer department members or may changeover the years. According to Burke, such a by-law based on similar actions of area communities, is legal and can be enforced."

Francis Ehrhardt of Kline Road, felt enforcement of such a law would be a problem. He said, "We do not need another by-law. We should look into an educational process to get residents to identify their homes."

Richard Waterman, Assessors Chairman, said that his board, due to budget restrictions, would not have the time to set-up a numbering system for the town. Town Clerk Barbara Pooler explained that all lots in town have already been numbered through the work of the Southwick Women's Club 12 years ago.

She said she knew of two short streets that would have to be renumbered. Mrs. Pooler said the proper numbers are shown on the voting list or tax bills.

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School Board Set To Hire Outside Custodial Firm

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: At its Tuesday, June 15th meeting, the School Committee decided to hire a custodial firm to complete work at the high school and at Powder Mill School rather than increase its present staff.

The new procedure, as recommended by a special study committee, would not involve any lay-offs of the current staff. One day and one night man would be retained at each school. Outside help would do the remaining work. As proposed by the committee, the contracted help would save the town over \$5,000 the first year.

In order to maintain the upkeep of the school buildings, the School Committee planned to hire two additional custodians if no outside firm was contracted. Business Manager Kenneth Johnson asked for bids on a three-year contract and plans to have a contract inked before August.

The committee is also considering formation of a fifth kindergarten section for the coming school year. According to Woodland Principal Louis Crawford, there are already 112 students registered for kindergarten, with another 6-12 pupils projected to register over the summer. This amount of children would push class sizes to over 30 students, he said.

A major problem of forming another class is where to locate it. All room are in use at Woodland. The collaborative class for special needs children, now located in Woodland, should stay at the school because students in that class are of elementary age level and can be integrated into regular classes whenever possible, said Crawford.

He noted that because Southwick has a child in this class, the town is saving the cost of transporting the student elsewhere.

Committee members hope that families of kindergarten children who would be moving into or out of town would notify the school as soon as possible so definite plans can be made before school begins in the fall.

The committee voted to allow a 25 cent increase in admission costs to school athletic events. The new rates are 75 cents for 5th - 8th graders, \$1.25 for high school students and \$1.50 for adults. Johnson said the increase is consistent with those of other communities and "it is not admission cost but whether or not you have a winning team that makes a difference in attendance."

Because of the usual small attendance and low expenses of the sport, admission to wrestling events will remain the same.

In other business the committee granted a one year leave of absence to Powder Mill Physical Education teacher Wayne Bloomrose. Bloomrose said he is "changing his career goal" and will study computer science next year.

The committee also accepted the resignation of High School Home Economics teacher Karen Koehler. Ms. Koehler is presently on leave of absence from the system.

The committee accepted the low bid of T.J. Welch of Westfield for rubbish removal for the three schools. The bid of Alan Lambert of Wilbraham of \$5,375 to maintain the automatic heating controls at Powder Mill and the high school was also accepted. It was the only complete bid for the work, said Johnson.

Board Of Health Condemns Well

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: As the result of preliminary testing, the Board of Health has condemned a well on Sam West Road. Testing showed the water to be contaminated with high levels of coliform bacteria and to contain a high concentration of iron.

The Health Board's action resulted from testing done on near-by Slab Brook by the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering.

The state testing is being done to determine if the possible pollution of the brook ("orange bubbly stuff") is caused by the condition of the former sanitary landfill site.

Slab Brook flows into Great Brook which abuts several huge wells serving as public water supplies for neighboring communities.

As yet, no cause for the well's pollution has been determined but the John Rock Family, at 77 Sam West Road have been ordered not to drink water from the well.

Further tests and analyses by engineers of Tighe and Bond of Northampton will determine the extent of the coliform bacteria content. Tighe and Bond are also testing for concentration of nitrates, another indicator of organic pollution in well water.

Health Board Chairman Leo Sagan plans to review the site with state sanitarian Bob Bishop with 1 week. They will probably make dye tests of the water and test other wells in the neighborhood to determine if the former landfill is the source of the contamination.

According to officials, preliminary study indicate the pollution to be from another source, either human or animal waste. No definite causes have yet been determined but it could be caused from the faulty construction of the well or from the near-by septic system, they said.

Officials said that if the water were contaminated by conditions at the landfill site, the minerals present would usually kill the bacteria now found in the Rock's well.

If tests show the water to be permanently unusable, and the Rocks cannot find a source of clean water on their property, they will either have to tap into the town water line or the house will be declared unfit for human habitation, according to Sagan.

In other business, the Health Board has dropped its court action against the owners of the burned-out Smith's Beach property because health and safety violations have been corrected, according to officials. The structure has been demolished, debris cleaned-up and the area filled-in, they said.

The board resorted to court action because owner Ernest Lombardi of Agawam had not complied with orders to clean-up the site. The former restaurant was vacant for several years and almost totally destroyed by fire last summer.

Almost

There is an old saying that honesty is the best policy. But at taxpaying time there are a lot of people who seem to think they can't afford the best.

-Ledger, Fairfield.

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Only in the case of new developments would the assessors be required to establish numbers.

Fire Chief Johnson noted that, "Many laws do not mean anything to some people because there is no enforcement mechanism. We need something with teeth in it." He noted that four inch numbers can be purchased locally for less than \$2 each.

Granaudo Circle Acceptance Tabled

Residents tabled an article asking for town acceptance of Granaudo Circle. John Scully of Castle Street requested to delay action. He noted that more specific information from the Planning Board and highway superintendent were necessary before the town should be asked to vote on the question.

Planning Board Chairman James Franklin said his board would make "no recommendation" concerning acceptance. Franklin said Developer Michael Granaudo did not submit "as built" drawings of the roadwork and that residents asked sidewalk and street lighting requirements be waived.

Franklin said residents also petitioned selectmen to have the town plow the unaccepted street. "Speaking personally, and not as a member of the Planning Board, I think Granaudo's attitude is to let the homeowners do the work (of getting the street accepted by the town)," he said. Granaudo, a local resident was not present at the meeting.

According to a letter from Highway Superintendent Merton Seibert, some lots of the subdivision have "not been graded to the top of the berm. Catch basins should be cleaned and the street swept before the town can accept the roadway," he added.

In closing the annual session, Selectwoman Vivian Brown expressed the thanks of the town to Finance Committee Chairman Francis Ehrhardt and Committeewoman Myrtle Elton for their five years of service to the town. Both are leaving the committee this year. Moderator Roland Weeks said, "It is a job where you are darned if you do and darned if you don't."

In final remarks from the floor, Pando Prifti questioned the effectiveness of town meeting government. He said, "It is difficult to formulate questions on the budget when other people are talking. The budget is thrown at us that night. There seems to be too much room for manipulation or loading the meeting."



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Suffield Board Of Ed. Begins Supt. Search

By Connie Davis

Board of Education members met with Drs. William Mahoney and Jack Sullivan of the New England School Development Council last Tuesday night to begin the search for a new superintendent of schools.

The consultants have been engaged by the Board of Education to aid in the process of selecting a replacement for Dr. Sidney DuPont, who will leave in August to become headmaster of a private school in Gross Pointe, Michigan.

Board member Mary Ann Muska explained the school board's objective to develop a profile for the position which would specify traits and strengths they are seeking in a new superintendent.

The board has set June 23rd from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. as the time when representatives of various schools and civic groups may meet with the consultants to offer their views. The consultants will be available in the teachers' lounge at McAlister Middle School, and interviews will be scheduled.

Mrs. Muska noted that the hour from 4 to 5 o'clock is being reserved for any resident who would like to offer suggestions to assist in developing the profile.

Costs involved in the search for a new superintendent will be approximately \$2,500, according to Mrs. Muska.

WPCA Adopts New Fee Rate

By Connie Davis

Suffield: In a meeting held on Tuesday, June 8th, the Water Pollution Control Authority held a public hearing at which commissioners voted to adopt a new \$82 user fee per residential unit for 1983.

Residents who may wish to appeal such charges have until June 30, which is 21 days from the date of filing, to do so.

The board plans to meet on June 23 to consider options for secondary treatment in order to prepare for a townwide public hearing on the matter.

Planning Board OK's Low-Income Apartments

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: The Planning Board has unanimously agreed to allow construction of a 50-unit low income apartment complex off Powder Mill Road.

The 16-acre site is in an apartment zone. At an April public hearing, developer Clark Rainey asked for a two year extension of the permit originally granted by the board in 1980. The new permit will expire in June, 1984.

Tree-Filled Buffer Area

The plans call for 25, two-story buildings of one, two and three bedroom apartments, two playgrounds, a tree-filled buffer area and two access roads onto Powder Mill Road. The project will be financed through the Farmers' Home Administration low interest loan.

Detailed specifications for drainage and septic systems, construction of sidewalks and roadways to statement or 100 percent bond to guarantee financial

town specification, and the submission of several progress reports will be required, as in the previous permit. The developer will also be asked to submit a bank backing of a project.

According to Planning Board Chairman James Franklin, the permit was extended for basically the same reasons it was granted originally. The project complies with local and state laws and will fill the need and legal requirements of such housing locally, he said.

Residents Asked For Acceptance

Residents of the subdivision had asked selectmen to include acceptance of the street for Annual Town Meeting vote. If voters accept the street, the town then assumes full responsibility for grading and maintenance. If the town does not accept the road for grading, this responsibility falls back to the developer. If the town must maintain an unaccepted street, it can then bill the developer for costs, according to officials.

The Planning Board will not meet in August. Regular meetings will be held July 1st and 15th and September 2nd.

Effects Of Storm Still Evident



THIS SCENE, PHOTOGRAPHED after the heavy rains of June 5th and 6th, shows how area waters, like Mountain Brook, swelled to high levels, causing Suffield residents to combat flooded cellars and local farmers to deal with damage to their crops. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: The record rainfall two weeks ago that damaged basements, crops, roads, and bridges in the area was still causing problems this week as farmlands are still drenched and some residents have wet basements again after last Sunday's rain.

Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore said the Fire Department received two or three calls a day this week from residents who needed their cellars pumped out. He said the average amount of water was two or three inches, but some people had up to one foot.

"The water table is high," Bellmore explained, "and the ground just can't hold the additional water that came in Sunday's rain."

The biggest problem this week, according to Bellmore, was a broken drainage pipe on Riverview Drive. Bellmore said the water in the pipe usually drains into the Connecticut River, but now is leaking into a field nearby and has to be watched.

Crops Damaged By Excess Rain

The excessive rain this month has also ruined many crops in the area although farmers said they have come to accept a "bad year" and are trying to get through this one as best they can.

Horace (Bud) Halladay of Halladay Avenue said the situation would improve if we get some dry weather to salvage his tobacco crop.

"The ground just can't take any more rain," he said, "and I can't believe the fields haven't dried out yet."

Halladay noted that he has been able to get back on to some of his land to work it, but some of his fields are still too wet to get through. He said fertilizer was washed away in the storm instead of being absorbed into the soil to give plants necessary nutrients.

Another Suffield farmer, Richard Hastings of 472 Hill Street, was also concerned about the loss of fertilizer. He said he is short about half of it and will have to spend between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to refertilize his 207 acres of corn and hay or lose the crops.

"There is a big loss in vegetables because of a lack of sunshine and such wet ground," he noted, adding that fresh vegetables will cost more money this summer because farmers will have to spend more money raising them.

"The strawberry crop has been hurt badly," Hastings said. "There won't be an abundance of them this year, and their flavor won't be as good."

Hastings said hay will be lower in quality this year, also due to a lack of sunshine and, therefore, will cost more for owners of horses.

"The quality of hay is best in mid-June," Hastings explained, "and since we will have to delay cutting for three weeks because of wetness, I will have only one-third of the hay needed for the coming year."

Hastings noted, though, that most farmers are prepared for a year like this and have a reserve feed in case of a bad crop. He also mentioned that the federal government has crop loans available through production credit.

It seems the only solution is for dry, sunny weather to come into the area.

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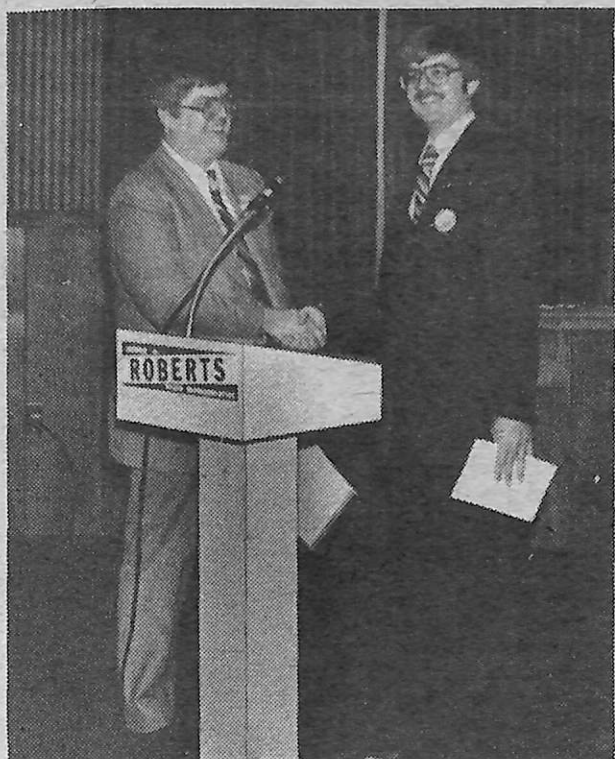
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DENNIS ROBERTS, right, candidate for State Representative from the Third Hampden District, is congratulated on his candidacy by Campaign Manager Ron Hebert at a recent fundraiser in Roberts' honor.
Photo by John Loftus.

Walsh Proposes New Local Aid Mechanism

Michael P. Walsh, candidate for state representative for the Third Hampden District, called for a "new mechanism" in determining the amount of local aid to be returned from the Commonwealth to the cities and towns. Local aid is the direct cash aid given back to the cities and towns to help pay local expenses.

"Presently local aid is determined in the annual state budget by revenue estimates and leftover monies," Walsh stated. "The amount of new local aid is dictated by political debate with no guaranteed figure given until after the budget has been passed."

According to Walsh, the former aide to State Representative Edward W. Connelly, this method is too unreliable and too late for local communities which are proceeding through their own budget processes.

"Local officials have to set their budgets without really knowing what to expect from the state because the state cannot give them a firm commitment."

The 25-year-old Democrat proposes that the state set up a permanent local aid fund into which will go a percentage of the state's growth tax revenues. Such a plan would take the amount of local aid out of the state budget debate, and, more importantly, Walsh feels, that "it will establish a more reliable local aid mechanism which will deal in more concrete figures."

"This, in turn, will give the communities a better idea of what to expect in direct cash relief when determining their own budgets."

Roberts Holds Fundraiser At Oak Ridge

An overflow crowd of friends and supporters joined Dennis Roberts, candidate for State Representative in the Third Hampden District, at a fundraising reception in his honor at Oak Ridge Country Club last Friday night.

Roberts, vice-president of the Agawam Town Council, told the crowd that he was the only truly qualified candidate for post.

"I have already put in the long hours necessary in being a good public official, and mine is a record of representation you can count on. It has been proven many times in my years of public service and tested when I have made the hard decisions necessary. No other candidate in this race can make those claims," Roberts declared.

He continued, "Mine is a record that does not represent business as usual. Rather, it is a proven record of independence. I am not tied to the political machines or interest groups that are hard at work in this election. I promise to maintain this independence because only in doing so can I serve your interests."

Roberts called for a common sense approach to government because "many times we see state government throwing both time and tax dollars at problems without throwing in a good dose of common sense. The only way for us to get common sense government is to elect common sense legislators."

Roberts concluded, "I have worked for you in the past, and I understand your problems and concerns. My promise to you is that my mind will always be open to your ideas, and my vote will always be in your interest."

Roof Study Committee Agrees On Materials For Repairs

By Bob Hrycay

SOUTHWICK: The Roof Study Committee Thursday agreed to recommend the installation of polyurethane foam roofs on five municipal buildings, and estimated total repair costs at \$935,000.

"It's as good a roof as you can buy, but it's only as good as the applicators," said Committeeman William Fearn in support of using the foam system. The committee reached agreement after hearing reports that foam roofs have worked successfully at Hamilton Standard Inc. in Windsor, Connecticut, and at Bolton, High School in Massachusetts.

After considering exclusion of the high school's cafeteria, gymnasium, and auditorium areas, the committee decided the entire roof must be done. An estimated cost of \$305,000 was given for the combined roofing and insulation project. The committee has recommended that temporary patchwork be done at this time.

An estimated \$216,000 will be needed for installing a foam roof over most of the Powder Mill School, according to the committee. Approximately \$145,000 will be needed for repairs at the Woodland School.

The committee is expected to give cost estimates for repair work at Town Hall and the vacant Consolidated School building at its next meeting on June 24th. A final report will be given at a July 8th meeting, said Committee Chairman Kenneth Neilsen, and will be available then to town Selectmen and the School Committee.

The committee is pushing for a July special town meeting for approval of a proposed \$1 million bond issue which would cover installation costs, interest, bidding, and overall study costs. Roof repairs are expected to begin in the summer of 1983.

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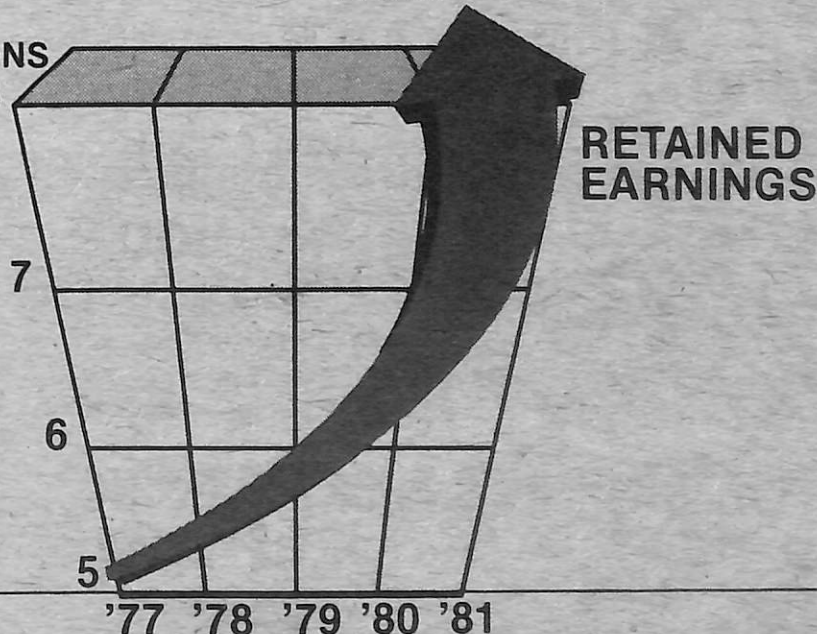
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WOMEN OF THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in West Suffield are hard at work quilting a double-bed size quilt to be raffled at a Harvest Fair on September 25th. The Dresden Plate design quilt is hand made and the proceeds of the raffle will benefit the church building fund and the church school. From left, Becki Miller of Granby, Sue Rose of West Suffield, Joann Folwer of Enfield and Judy Wysocki and Carol Boulay, each of West Suffield. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., June 21: Fire drill, 7, Central Firehouse; Fire Comm., 7:30, Central Firehouse; Zoning & Planning Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Social Services Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Heart Church; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, St. Joseph's hall
Tues., June 22: AARP Mtg. & Picnic, Noon, Sunrise Park; Rotary Club, 6, Suffield Country Club; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7, St. Joseph's hall
Wed., June 23: Child & Family Services Thrift Shop open, 10:30-3:30; Annual Historical Society Mtg., 7:30, King House; Democratic Town Comm. Mtg., 7:30, Town Hall; Recreation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Suffield Grange, 8 p.m., Thompsonville Road Firehouse
Thurs., June 24: Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's Church
Sat., June 26: Library's summer reading introduction, 10:30, grades K-5; Hathaway House & Garden and Dr. Alexander King House open houses, 1-5 p.m. Free admission.
Sun., June 27: Ice Cream Social, Town Green, 2-5

Musical Continental Congress To Convene

Much in the manner of the members of the First Continental Congress, who represented diverse groups from many areas, representatives from many area community theatre groups have recently joined to form a new musical theatre group, Clef, Curtain, and Company.

To celebrate its formation, the new group will debut, appropriately, with a rousing production of the hit Broadway musical "1776." This musical takes a lighthearted look at the First Continental Congress and the events leading to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The performances of this play will be held on July 1-3 at 8 p.m. in historic First Church at Court Square in Springfield. This site was chosen for its relationship with the revolutionary period and for its proximity to the city's Big 4th celebration.

Representing the Suffield Players of Connecticut is its president, Lyle Pearsons, starring as the fiery John Adams.

Directing the performance will be Eileen Rannenberg and musical director will be Michael Dulac, who is organist at St. Patrick's Church in Enfield. Assistant Director will be George Chartier from the Suffield Players.

AARP Installs New Officers

Suffield: Installation of officers from the local chapter number 1683 of AARP took place at that group's last meeting.

Serving as president will be Everett Bartlett; as vice-president, Katherine Harris; as second vice-president, Robert Gianque; as secretary, Lavina Potter; as assistant secretary, Dorothy Spaulding; as treasurer, Herman Thurston; as assistant treasurer, Evelyn Phelps; and as travel agent, Roger Loomis.

Church Slates Rummage Sale

Suffield: A rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 26th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Suffield Congregational Church sponsored by the Women's Fellowship.

Anyone with donations they wish to offer to the sale may call (203) 668-7213.

Linnel Appointed Agent For Briarwood Community

Suffield: Elzear Roy, president of the Elzear Roy Construction Company, has announced the appointment of Linnel Associates, Inc., of Suffield as exclusive sales agents for Briarwood.

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Southwick Grange Elects New Officers

The following officers were elected to serve the Southwick Grange for the 1982-1983 club year:

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The group will meet on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 8 p.m. in the Grange Hall. A program on Americanism will follow the business meeting. Refreshments will be served by Beatrice and James Burns, MaryAnn and Robert Artison, and Bee St. Germain.

Women's Club Sets Bloodmobile

Southwick: The Southwick Women's Club will sponsor a bloodmobile on Thursday, June 24th, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Southwick High School. Walk-in donors are welcome.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 who is reasonably good health is a potential donor. With the July 4th weekend approaching and the need for blood acute, all are urged to consider donating. On any given day, approximately 200 pints of blood are ordinarily used in Western Massachusetts, but from July 2nd to 7th, the need will be much greater.

Club members hope to see you at their bloodmobile on Thursday, June 24th. The life you save may be your own or that of a loved one.

Tag, Plant, & Crafts Sale

Southwick: The Southwick Women's Club will sponsor a tag, plant, and arts and crafts sale at the Seibert farm at 287 College Highway on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will help support community projects such as the club's scholarship fund and the Ambulance Fund.

Pressure Screening At Mercy

A free blood pressure screening clinic will be held in the Memorial House auditorium of Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, June 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. Area residents of all ages are invited to attend with no appointment necessary.

Open Houses Planned At Historic Homes

Suffield: The historic Suffield sites of the Hatheway House and garden and the Dr. Alexander King House will be open on Saturday, June 26th, from 1 to 5 p.m. rain or shine. There is no admission charge for the tours of these homes located on Route 75 ten minutes north of Bradley Field.

The Hatheway House is the property of the Antiquarian and Landmark Society of Connecticut. It displays three distinctive architectural periods in that, to the original 1760 house, Oliver Phelps added an elegant north wing in 1795 which boasts of French wallpaper of that time. A newly installed collection of antique furnishings, the gift of Mrs. Henry M. Clark Jr., is on display.

Mrs. Bradley King, resident supervisor, assisted by Mrs. Edward Nelsen, chairman of the Docents, will be available along with the Docents to show the house, and members of the Suffield Garden Club, which maintains the Hatheway gardens, will assist Mrs. William Kaynor in displaying that area.

Miss Evelyn Phelps and other members of the Suffield Historical Society will be present at the King House, which is owned by the society. The King House is outstanding with its original long south porch and fine feather-edge board siding, an exceptionally good corner cupboard in the dining room, and the painting over the fireplace attributed to Carlos, son of Dr. King. A special feature is the collection of early American glass bottles, the gift of Mrs. Karl Kulle.

Community YMCA Taking Discovery Klub Registrations

The Tobacco Valley Community YMCA is presently taking registrations for its summer Kiddie Discovery Klub, which is a fun summer experience for 3-6 year olds where emphasis is on discovery and development of a child's potential and creativity.

Program activities include movement exploration, art, nature, music, and stories. Leadership will be directed by Mrs. Nancy Russell, who has extensive preschool experience. She will be assisted by area teachers and college students.

The daily schedule runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants may register for any or all two-week sessions from June 28th to August 20th. KDK will be held at the West Suffield Congregational Church, and whenever possible, activities will be held outside.

Pre-registration is necessary and information may be obtained by calling the Tobacco Valley Community YMCA at (203) 242-0786.

"Cabaret" Auditions



AUDITIONS FOR THE UPCOMING "CABARET THEATRE '82" were held at the Suffield High School auditorium by the Suffield Recreation Department on Tuesday, June 15th. From left, Betsy McCarty, and Rick Martino, production directors; listen to Darcy Case auditioning her voice. On the piano is Jodie Akeley. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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By Mary Dixon

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Gubernatorial candidates Dick Bozzuto, Jerry Labriola, Rusty Post, and Lew Rome will be guests of the Republican Town Committee at their steak roast at Sunrise Park on June 30th starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$7.50 and available by calling Chet Kuras (668-2942). The candidates will speak starting at 7:30 p.m.

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COMMENTARY...

A Modern Image Of "DADDY"

By Mildred Barnes Talmadge

The image of the male parent has changed since the reverent patriarch of Biblical times and the austere father of the past few centuries. There is no better way to observe this than in television commercials. They do a great job depicting warm father-child relationships.

There is the young man who doesn't want to be a doctor, but he does want to be like his M.D. dad. In another, though Dad has more problems with Eddie than he does with the machine he's advertising, there is genuine warmth emitting from the sire. Then there is the dad who is teaching his daughter Leslie to play golf. Also, there is the young daddy who rushes in from work, tosses aside his executive case, drops onto the floor with the creeping baby, and lovingly explains the advantages of a snug-fitting diaper.

A few years ago, there was a Broadway play called "Da" - an ethnic name for the male parent - which portrayed how a father's influence can be felt even after he has gone on to the great beyond.

The male parent has always seemed to enfold the child with a sense of security. Mom does okay, even super, but somehow when Daddy comes on the scene, "everything is going to be okay." Though sadly that isn't always so, it is an accepted image that has developed through the years.

Dads as pals - fishing, camping, biking, and coaching Little League, hockey, and track - are all part of the paternal image that has been emerging in these past few decades.

Father is the image of strength and discipline; Daddy creates a feeling of warmth and shelter; Dad is the pal who works and plays as a contemporary, yet all facts reflect the different sides of one parent.

NO ICE?

U.S. and Soviet scientists are about to begin a joint voyage to Antarctic waters to find and explore a mysterious ice-free lake discovered in the icepack by space satellites.



A PART OF LIFE...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Chapel

Dealing With Widowhood

The adjustment that a widow must go through after the death of her husband can be the most difficult time of her life. Women who spent their lives in the home without an outside job find it even more difficult because of the dependency they usually had on their husbands for every day decisions. How the widow adjusts to her new life will be the difference between living or just existing.

This week's article is the second of a series of six articles dealing with the widow and how she adjusts to life after the death of her husband.

After the funeral, the rush of attention and condolences is over. Business decisions are not so pressing. Your children have returned to their separate lives. Now you begin the real period of adjustment to being a widow. The hours and days become long and lacking in purpose.

Even when the day-to-day living becomes more bearable, the long-range future seems vague and uncertain. The hardest part is that most of the readjustment of your life must come from within yourself.

Every widow struggles. It may seem that others are having an easier time of it because their circumstances differ from yours. How you come to grips with this abrupt change in your life will be determined by many variables. A few of them are your age, health, financial security, where you live, your ethnic and religious background, whether you have children and if you are employed outside the home.

There is perhaps a way to prepare for the dying of a loved one, but few can be prepared for the effect that a death has upon those of us who go on living. Much of the purpose and meaning of one's life revolves around family members, especially one's mate. His death creates a void that causes disorientation and confusion, making you unable to function well.

Most widowed people would probably admit that, at times, they wished they did not exist or that they had been first to die. An existence that may seem meaningless and without purpose can severely handicap widows and cause them to withdraw from the mainstream of living. After a period of adjustment, the widow must make a choice about her own life. Having

made this choice, she must learn to function in this new role forced upon her.

No matter what age the widow is, she still has a lot of living left to do. To achieve this, one must develop the proper mental attitude.

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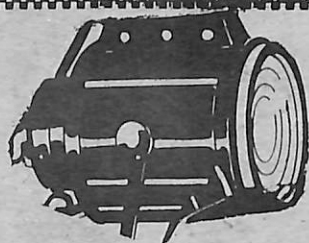
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Tues., June 22: Roast turkey breast, gravy, stuffing, broccoli, cranberry sauce, chocolate chip cookies, milk

Wed., June 23: Baked ham, boiled potato, boiled cabbage, pineapple tidbits, milk

Thurs., June 24: Roast chicken, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, fresh peach, milk

Fri., June 25: Tuna salad, potato salad, cole slaw, banana, milk

SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

Summer classes at Asnuntuck Community College begin June 21st. They offer a waiver of tuition and fees for any person 62 years or older. Call Asnuntuck for details at 745-1603, ext. 12.

A blood pressure clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 29th, at the Emergency Aid Association building on South Street from 4 to 6 p.m.

A helpful hint has been offered by the electric company: do not put curtains within six inches of a radiator as they could become a fire hazard.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield
Firemen's Association, Inc.



Home Safety When On Vacation

If you are going on vacation this summer and plan to leave your home empty for a period of time, follow these tips for peace of mind:

1. **Turn off or disconnect** all stoves and electrical appliances.
2. **Unplug all television sets and radios.** Lightning storms or sudden electrical surges could cause a fire in this equipment.
3. **Upon return** from vacation, check your smoke detector to sure it is functioning properly.

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Community Scrapbook

By Karen Carlson



Richard Davis Lives His Commitment

Richard J. Davis' term as president of the Suffield Rotary will end June 30th, but this occasion is only a milestone in his career as a dedicated community servant. His commitment to the Suffield High School Interact Club, the school bus driver's safety program and Suffield Rotary is on-going.

Many of Davis' Rotarian activities are youth-related. As president, he pledged to expand the club's scholarship fund. The club's fund raisers, the annual chicken barbeque, raffle, rent-a-space sale and the town map project netted over \$4,000 for scholarship purposes, an increase over last year's earnings.

In 1977 at the request of Edwin Humphrey, Spaulding School principal, Davis organized the first Rotarian-sponsored career day at the high school and five year later still actively participates in its yearly organization.

This year's co-chairmen, Gil Ahrens and David A. Johnson, consider Davis a "prime mover" of the behind-the-scenes planning.

A part-time history teacher at the high school, Davis shares the Rotarian ideals and philosophies with students as advisor to the school's Interact Club. In addition, he is the District Interact Chairman providing information to Rotary Clubs interested in forming their own interact group. The purpose of interact clubs is to serve local communities and to promote international good will.

Under his leadership, the Suffield Interact Club has travelled to Montreal twice to tour the city and visit English-speaking high schools. In addition, club members annually invite Suffield Academy foreign exchange students to explore their public school and follow their class schedules. The Academy reciprocates with social invitations, furthering both international and communal good will.

Another school-related responsibility assumed by Davis is the classroom safety instruction of school bus drivers. Drivers are required by the state to attend three in classroom instruction and four hours of road training a year to retain their licenses.

A former driver education teacher, Davis qualifies yearly with the state's motor vehicle bureau for certification as a driver trainer.

According to Horace Halladay, teacher of the road portion of the program, Davis is a "very thorough and dedicated person. He puts in a lot of time and goes out of his way to make the classes interesting, relevant and informative." Davis explains his objectives. "We're not trying to move the world, but hopefully we're giving people ideas."



RICHARD DAVIS, left, officiates at a Suffield Rotary Club meeting with Richard Carmon. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Davis' past gratuitous efforts are as notable as his present responsibilities. He is a past member of the Ambulance Association's Board of Directors and acted as their Fund Drive Chairman in 1979.

For three years he officiated as president of the Suffield Council of Churches and for two years served the First Congregational Church as moderator.

For these roles and his active membership in Rotary, Attorney Samuel Orr recommended Davis for Rotary's highest honor, the Paul Harris Fellow Award, which he received in 1981. Attorney Orr describes Davis as "the most dedicated, hardworking citizen, I've ever known."

Davis applies the same zeal to his part-time job as Consultant and Training Director of The Suffield Savings Bank. It was at New York University that Davis gained his business savvy and earned a Masters of Science degree in retailing. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history at Colby College and finished his formal education in 1967 at Wesleyan University, acquiring a Masters of Arts in teaching and a Diploma of Further Study.

While at Wesleyan, he applied and was accepted to teach in Suffield where he has resided for 14 years. Davis, his wife Connie and their two children, Amy and Josh, live on Ratley Road in West Suffield. Connie actively supports her husband's endeavors through her work as his private secretary.

Davis attributes his interest in civic affairs to his father, Charles J. Davis, Jr., who was also a Rotarian. Based on this tradition, Davis has formulated his life's objective. It is his desire to "be someone who puts in more than he takes out."

It appears that Suffield's Richard J. Davis lives this commitment daily.

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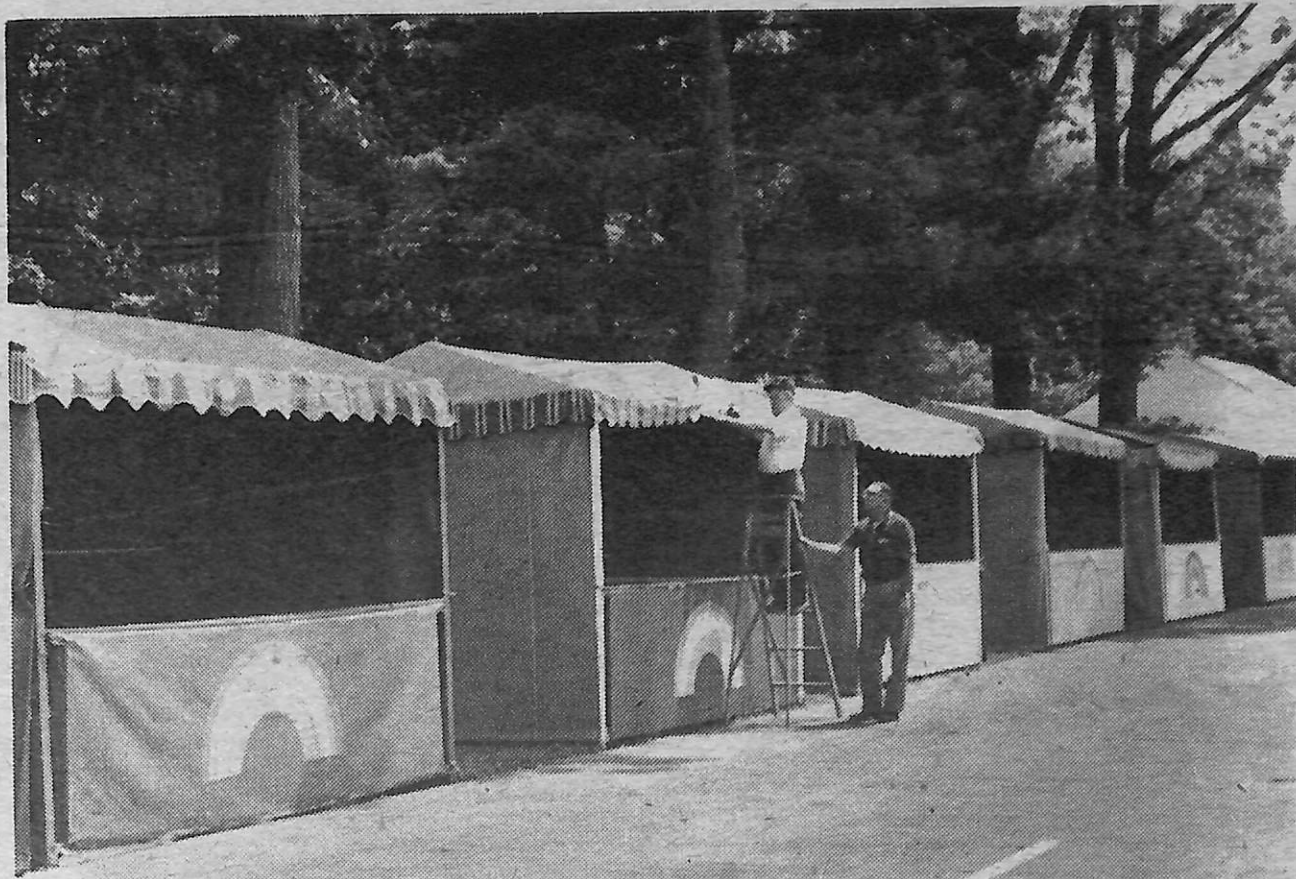
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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH OFFICIALS work on booths that will be overflowing with enthusiastic polka fans during this weekend's annual "Polka Festival" on the church grounds.
Advertiser/News Photo By John Loftus.

Polka Festival At Suffield Church

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: St. Joseph's Church, 140 South Main St. (Rt. 75) in Suffield, will hold its annual Polka Festival this Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, on the church grounds. All are welcome to come eat, drink, dance and play games.

There will be homemade Polish food including kielbasa, pierogis, golumkis, and jellies and there will be American food including hot dogs and hamburgers. Soda and beer will also be sold.

Several game booths will offer stuffed animals as prizes (but there won't be any rides).

Two of the top polka bands in the country will provide the entertainment each day, according to co-chairman of the event Henry J. Durnakowski. On Saturday night a band from Chicago, Ill., "Eddie Blazonczyk

and Versitones" will play, and on Sunday the band will be "Brass Connection," from Ohio.

Durnakowski said 3,000 to 4,000 people attend the festival each year, and the money is used for church improvements and to pay bills that have accumulated during the year. "The amount of money made at the festival varies every year," Durnakowski said, "but it is a successful way to help out the church."

Parishoners volunteer their time to work in food and game booths, according to Durnakowski.

The festival will be held rain or shine, since there will be a big tent set up. It will last from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, and from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$3 per person and children 14 and under will be admitted free.



PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit

GREASE II A Real Bomb

Among such outstanding summer films like *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* and *E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial*, there's also a particularly bad apple among the cinematic crop - *Grease 2*. This is a film, like *Jaws 2* and *The Exorcist II*, that provides evidence for the argument that sequels shouldn't be made.

In the original *Grease*, John Travolta and Olivia Newton John played high school lovers who frolicked their way through the late 1950's. Although it wasn't the greatest musical ever made, *Grease* was enjoyable because of the music and the performances by Travolta and Newton-John.

In *Grease 2*, the year is 1961 and the first film's alma mater, Rydell High, is once again the scene for more teenage romance. The principals in this idyllic setting are a prim and proper transfer student from England, Michael Carrington (Maxwell Caulfield), and Stephanie (Michelle Pfeiffer), a member of Rydell's upper echelon of female students. At first, Stephanie won't give Michael the time of day because she belongs to the Pink Ladies sorority and Pink Ladies only date the ducktailed members of the T-Birds gang. In order to win over the love of his life, Michael becomes a masked motorcyclist and Stephanie falls in love with this rider of the Californian plains, not knowing that he's actually the English chap underneath the black leather get-up.

As a musical, *Grease 2* is abominable. Although some of the songs are sung horribly because they're supposed to be the rotten acts in the school talent show, the songs that are to be sung well aren't too hot, either. At times, the singing is so off-key that it sounds like a tribute to Slim Whitman.

The dancing also leaves a lot to be desired. All of the numbers look identical because the dancers keep repeating the same steps over and over again. Only one dance routine stands out in my mind because it's so poor - a rock 'n roll version of the hula that occurs during a Hawaiian luau for Rydell's seniors. This number could cause Hawaii to secede from the United States (or vice versa).

As for the acting, I can't say it's bad because there isn't acting to criticize. Caulfield and Pfeiffer are as emotional as Ken and Barbie dolls and the rest of the cast is so lifeless between the dance numbers that it just blends with the scenery.

At this point, *Grease 2* is the worst film of the summer and, for that matter, the worst of the year. Since many films are released during the summer months, there are bound to be some real stinkers playing at the cinemas, yet I doubt that any upcoming summer flicks will be as lousy as *Grease 2* - at least, I hope there won't be any.

Rating: 0 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

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TOWN OF SUFFIELD

In response to the results of referendum vote on June 17, the Board of Finance has decreased the mill rate by one mill. The budget which is printed below will be offered to town meeting for approval on June 24, 1982, and will require a mill rate of 28.3 mills.

TOWN OF SUFFIELD

Budget Summary and Computation of Taxation for 1982-1983:

Expenditures:

Selectmen's Budget \$ 2,275,229.00
Redemption of Debt & Interest 733,547.00
Board of Education Budget 5,311,498.00
Capital Expenditures 8,320,274.00

Water Pollution Control Authority:
Administration 212,562.00
Capital Expenditures 75,000.00

Total Expenditures \$ 8,607,836.00

Less estimated receipts:

Receipts Other Than Taxes \$ 2,680,899.00
Water Pollution Control Authority:
Administration 212,562.00
Reserve Capacity Maintenance Fund 75,000.00

Total Receipts \$ 2,968,461.00

TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION \$ 5,639,375.00

Based on an estimated grand list of \$205,459,866, assuming 97% collection (\$199,296,070), a mill rate of 28.3 will produce the necessary revenue.

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TOWN OF SUFFIELD -- RECEIPTS

	Actual Receipts 1980-1981	Budgeted Receipts 1981-1982	Nine-month Receipts 1981-1982	Estimated Receipts 1982-1983
Property Taxes:				
1. Current List	4,490,975.87	4,852,301.00	4,812,214.58	5,639,375.00
2. Motor Vehicle Supplement	106,486.21	60,000.00	55,756.31	45,000.00
3. Taxes Prior Years	100,219.45	80,000.00	87,335.92	80,000.00
4. Interest & Fees	45,397.33	30,000.00	36,793.38	30,000.00
5. Advance List of 1981	-	-	1,083.79	-
Licenses & Permits:				
6. Zoning & Planning	23,656.50	24,000.00	21,215.51	22,000.00
7. Zoning Board of Appeals	605.00	750.00	739.25	750.00
8. Police	1,712.65	750.00	1,205.62	1,200.00
Fees:				
9. Police	944.37	100.00	30.00	50.00
10. Library	922.10	500.00	411.38	2,500.00
Revenues from use of Money & Property:				
11. Adj. of Surplus (Cash on Hand)	0	360,000.00	0	233,000.00
12. Town Deposit Fund	414.74	415.00	0	415.00
13. Investment Interest	177,651.95	130,000.00	156,532.61	150,000.00
14. Reserve for Capital Expenditures	11,650.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	31,700.00
15. Reserve for Mini-Bus	0	0	4,040.00	0
16. To Close Reserve for Bridge	0	0	0	38,000.00
Revenues from Other Agencies:				
17. Tuition: Project Concern	14,100.00	13,200.00	13,200.00	13,200.00
18. V.A. (Cover Bond Payment)	203,030.38	223,335.00	113,312.68	250,159.00
19. W.P.C.A. (Cover Bond Payment)	50,080.00	49,000.00	0	0
State Grants:				
20. Equalization (OTA) Grant	785,382.00	858,000.00	431,817.00	898,939.00
21. Transportation	77,908.00	80,000.00	0	83,000.00
22. Special Education	246,431.00	260,000.00	249,673.00	255,990.00
23. V.A. Center	61,688.00	66,738.00	66,315.00	71,290.00
24. V.A. Equipment Grant	30,000.00	-	-	-
25. Building Grants	74,158.28	73,526.00	21,983.25	72,893.00
26. Welfare	7,373.27	10,000.00	4,451.90	6,000.00
Other State Grants:				
27. a. Mercantile & Personal Property	48,446.46	50,000.00	0	50,000.00
28. b. Manufacturers' Inventory	4,096.64	4,000.00	0	4,000.00
29. c. Elderly	47,517.68	45,000.00	52,853.23	48,000.00
30. d. Total disabled	509.25	400.00	646.50	600.00
31. e. Highway Real Property	13,853.78	13,500.00	13,853.78	13,500.00
32. f. Urban Problems 8-159A	6,339.00	6,000.00	0	6,000.00
33. g. Mini-Bus grant	16,448.00	12,000.00	4,376.00	16,000.00
34. h. State Revenue Sharing	19,593.92	18,000.00	19,272.54	0
35. i. PILOT (St. Alphonsus)	12,912.67	13,000.00	12,578.67	12,500.00
36. j. Title III	2,089.03	1,000.00	1,793.11	1,000.00
37. k. Tornado Damage	10,404.05	-	-	-
38. l. DEP Algae & Aquatic Weed Control	54.34	-	-	-
39. m. Sewer grant	10,111.41	10,111.00	10,111.41	10,111.00
TOTAL STATE GRANTS	1,475,316.78	1,521,275.00	889,725.39	1,549,825.00
Federal Grants:				
40. Federal Shared Revenue Trust Fund	180,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	170,000.00
Charges for Current Services:				
41. Conservation Commission	1,154.00	3,000.00	506.00	1,000.00
42. Real Estate Conveyance Tax	18,710.03	14,000.00	10,834.00	14,000.00
43. Recreation	10,674.85	12,500.00	10,001.25	12,500.00
44. Social Services (Mini-Bus)	133.00	200.00	653.00	600.00
45. Assessors' Map Sales	729.00	200.00	218.00	200.00
46. Fees, Town Clerk	17,878.35	15,000.00	13,999.29	19,000.00
47. Insurance Rebates	-	3,300.00	5,171.00	6,200.00
48. Miscellaneous School Income	4,614.99	5,500.00	563.03	4,600.00
49. Miscellaneous Town Income	7,111.65	5,000.00	12,784.20	5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS BUDGET	\$ 7,117,082.65	\$ 7,848,746.00	\$ 6,664,260.96	\$ 8,607,836.00
Water Pollution Control Administration				
50. Water Pollution Control, R.C.Mtnce.Fund	172,913.45	217,420.00	188,934.77	212,562.00
51. Water Pollution Control, R.C.Mtnce.Fund	-	-	-	75,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS BUDGET	\$ 7,117,082.65	\$ 7,848,746.00	\$ 6,664,260.96	\$ 8,607,836.00

General Fund Revenues in support of Education (includes bldg.grants) \$ 1,497,727.39 \$ 1,580,714.00 \$ 896,863.96 \$ 1,650,488.00

TOWN OF SUFFIELD -- EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNT:	Actual 1980-81 Expenditures	Adjusted 1981-82 Appropriations	Nine-month 81-82 Expenditures	1982-1983 Appropriation
General Government:				
1. Selectmen	56,329.28	50,880.00	37,921.20	51,163.00
2. Probate Court	1,030.96	1,000.00	844.00	1,100.00
3. Election	7,291.04	6,984.00	5,298.63	6,920.00
4. Board of Finance	2,616.88	8,150.00	3,024.50	6,300.00
5. Auditors	5,800.00	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,600.00
6. Assessors	31,685.00	35,033.00	24,115.90	38,703.00
7. Board of Tax Review	1,687.00	901.00	712.00	901.00
8. Tax Collector	37,255.44	39,886.00	25,600.02	42,086.00
9. Tax Rebate	688.62	500.00	438.67	500.00
10. Treasurer	51,334.10	57,620.00	38,499.60	62,633.00
11. Counsel	0	2,266.66	2,166.66	1.00
12. Town Clerk	31,327.43	36,203.00	23,796.47	36,631.00
13. Zoning & Planning	51,790.86	56,519.00	40,419.14	56,736.00
14. Zoning Board of Appeals	2,906.57	4,150.00	3,094.49	2,571.00
15. Town Hall	42,370.29	41,383.00	33,660.37	40,294.00
16a. Industrial Development Commission	441.25	2,000.00	455.65	100.00
16b. Advisory Comm. on Capital Expenditures	178.59	210.00	80.55	175.00
17a. Social Security	50,199.66	63,500.00	42,185.32	67,000.00
17b. Pension	4,241.00	14,237.00	14,237.00	14,137.00
18. Insurance and Bonds	226,063.11	258,200.00	222,042.40	274,300.00
Public Safety:				
19. Fire Commission	95,153.63	108,420.00	79,068.71	118,935.00 **
20. Police Commission	362,174.07	389,047.00	298,576.61	430,143.00 **
Highways:				
21. Highways	353,417.34	382,694.00	286,056.13	380,497.00 **
22. State Aid Road Fund	(118,082.85)	(118,211.91)	(9,822.05)	(81,728.00)
23. Street Lights	36,211.29	32,000.00	27,627.46	35,000.00 **
Sanitation:				
24. Town Dump	67,309.92	67,310.00	50,482.44	94,000.00 **
Conservation of Health:				
25. Health Services	8,917.57	10,360.00	5,602.77	11,025.00
26. Nursing Services	23,900.00	25,800.00	19,350.00	25,800.00
27. North Central Ct. Mental Health Services	4,400.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
28a. Greater Enfield Retarded & Handicapped	2,000.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
28b. North Central Regional Mental Health	300.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
28c. New Directions	0	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
29. Social Services Commission	29,000.00	33,957.00	26,500.00	36,000.00
30. Social Worker	10,043.64	12,000.00	8,538.12	13,231.00
31a. Director, Emergency Medical Services	14,220.84	15,732.00	11,496.14	17,397.00
Welfare:				
32. Outside Aid	12,477.01	12,000.00	6,941.55	10,000.00
33. Town Library	86,598.00	102,585.00	77,781.31	96,461.00 **
Recreation & Parks:				
34a. Recreation Commission	89,972.34	95,302.00	84,044.75	79,259.00 **
34b. Conservation Commission	29,714.80	31,622.00	20,960.20	21,930.00
35. Town Forest	328.00	300.00	74.17	500.00
36. Tree Warden	5,064.50	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,500.00
37. Memorial Day	1,000.00	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Miscellaneous:				
38a. Reserve for Capital Expenditures	11,400.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0
38b. Capital Expenditures	27,856.98	42,000.00	2,386.49 ***	31,700.00 ***
39. Reserve for Bridges	0	20,000.00	20,000.00	0
40. Cemeteries	8,900.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,500.00
41. Contingencies	32,329.33	26,106.34	69.10	53,285.00
42. Dog Fund	7,000.00	7,490.00	5,000.00	8,440.00
Public Service:				
43. Water Main Rent	57,847.94	68,523.00	50,357.31	80,700.00 **
Special Appropriations				
44. SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$ 2,143,720.28	\$ 2,215,986.00	\$ 1,651,620.83	\$ 2,275,229.00
Redemption of Debt & Interest:				
45. 73. Short Term Debt	0	0	0	99,183.00
46. 75. Bonded Debt - Town	60,980.00	59,250.00	59,250.00	397,820.00
47. Schools	251,127.00	243,836.00	243,835.75	236,544.00
48. TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 312,107.00	\$ 303,086.00	\$ 303,085.75	\$ 733,547.00
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET				
49. TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,654,575.18	\$ 5,116,294.00	\$ 3,689,626.44	\$ 5,311,498.00
50. TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,110,402.46	\$ 7,635,366.00	\$ 5,644,333.02	\$ 8,820,274.00
Water Pollution Control Authority (Sewer):				
51. Administration	216,156.34	217,420.00	132,282.31	212,562.00
52. Reserve Capacity Maintenance Fund, Capital Exp.	-	-	-	75,000.00
53. Total Expenditures Budget	\$ 7,326,558.80	\$ 7,852,786.00	\$ 5,776,615.33	\$ 8,607,836.00

** Federal Shared Revenue in the following amounts is included in the 1982-83 appropriations marked with a double asterisk:

Fire Commission	\$ 15,000
Police Commission	50,000
Highways	40,000
Town Dump	20,000
Library	15,000
Recreation	10,000
Street Lights	5,000
Water Main Rent	15,000
	\$170,000

*** Capital Expenditures

	Budgeted for 1981-82	Proposed for 1982-83 Budget
Generator, Civil Defense	\$ 5,000 *	
Well at Babb's Beach	3,000 *	
Town Plan of Development	30,000 *	
Skisways, Stoney Brook Park	2,000	
Campsites, Stoney Brook Park	2,000	
Parking Area, Sunrise Park		\$ 3,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus and Cascade Pump		14,000
Fire, Radio for tanker		2,500
Fire, OSHA requirements (coats, helmets, etc)		7,000
Library, Terminal		5,200
	\$ 42,000	\$ 31,700

*Rescinded by vote of Board of Finance 6/17/82.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Budget Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, Connecticut, qualified to vote in Town Meeting, will be held at the Sisson Memorial Auditorium in Suffield High School on Thursday, June 24, 1982 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., D.S.T., for the following purposes to wit:

1. To consider and act upon the report and recommendation of the Board of Finance and to make such appropriations in connection therewith as may be advisable.

Dated at Suffield, Connecticut this 18th day of June, 1982.

Published: June 19, 1982

SCHOOL



LOOKING OVER A MODEL VERSION OF THE EIFFEL TOWER IN PARIS are Powder Mill students Brian Drenen (left) and David Caron. The fifth grade students held an International Day on June 14th which highlighted many aspects of foreign cultures. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

International Day Held At Powder Mill School

By Marsha Ramah

Imagine yourself strolling the green hills of Scotland, viewing the Eiffel Tower from a Parisian cafe, and sampling exotic Middle Eastern foods - then come back to reality and you know that you are attending the fifth grade International Day in the auditorium of Powder Mill School, in Southwick, Massachusetts.

Several weeks of preparation and research culminated in this affair set up by Mrs. Brindle's reading class. The program included a show which displayed hand-drawn pictures made into slides and cassette dialogues of each youngster tracing their ancestor's entrance into America, including the reasons and the circumstances.

Following the presentation, students participated in authentic dancing from different countries. English square dancing, the forerunner to our American counterpart, was probably the most difficult.

The students, however, were obviously well-trained and went through the moves with style and ease. A lively Polka set everyone's toes a-tapping, and the Lebanese "dabke" led the youngsters snaking through the audience to the unusual musical sounds.

Highlighting the dance segment was Kerry Sullivan, a fifth-grader from Granville. Kerry came as a guest dancer completely outfitted in an authentic Irish costume and treated the audience to her lively Irish jigs.

After the dancing, visitors were urged to view tables set up by the students displaying eye-catching and informative items. The boys and girls prepared maps, flags, pictures and charts. Gathering various artifacts from family members, each student was able to explain all the beautiful items.

Tables contained items such as German steins, Columbian dolls, Scottish plaid materials, and many types artwork, costumes, toys, cookbooks, utensils, etc.

Visitors were encouraged to ask questions about these displays as students were prepared with background information.

Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect of International Day was the food table. Much work went into the preparation of dishes for that day, and guests could sample everything from hot items to desserts. At this point, many willing grandmothers were available to serve and explain the tasty delights.

The students enjoyed their participation because they danced, shared their knowledge, and took an obvious pride in their heritage. Visitors enjoyed the program for its many different aspects; entertainment, refreshment, music, awareness of other cultures, pride in their children, and for the opportunity to see how other nationalities live.



Southwick Guidance Report

By Bernard Hagan

Summer School Info

Summer school applications are now available in the Southwick High School Guidance Office.

There are three schools in this area conducting a summer school program - Westfield, West Springfield and Longmeadow High Schools.

WESTFIELD HIGH SUMMER SCHOOL will start on July 6th and end August 31st. The cost will be \$40 per course. Classes will be at the Westfield Vocational High School, located on Smith Avenue. Courses are offered in English 9-12, Algebra I, General Math, Introduction to Social Studies, Health, U.S. History, and S.A.T. preparation. Each class will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. Students attending less than 75 percent of class time will not receive credit or a passing grade.

WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, although applications are not as yet available, will also conduct a summer school program offering a similar selection of courses as those given above with the addition of Physical Education. Classes will be held during the day.

LONGMEADOW HIGH SUMMER SCHOOL will start on June 28th and end of July 30th. Cost for courses meeting one period a day will be \$33 and for courses meeting two periods per day the cost would be \$66 per day. Classes will be held at Longmeadow High School.

In addition to the courses offered by Westfield High, Longmeadow will offer Geometry, French I and Spanish I. All classes will be held in the morning. Courses will run approximately 55 minutes each session. Regular class time lost may jeopardize credits and grade received.

Students are individually responsible for finding out if their own school will accept the subjects offered. Also a student is responsible for his/her own transportation to the summer school site.

Todd Breton Receives High School Awards

SOUTHWICK: At the recent Senior Awards Assembly, Southwick High School senior Todd Breton was a recipient of the School Service Bar in addition to the School Service Letter which he received as a junior. He was also the recipient of the Student Council Award for having served for a minimum of two years on the Student Council.

The son of Mrs. Phyllis Breton of 130 South Loomis Street, Todd has been most active in school-life. His activities included the Ski and French Clubs and in athletics, he participated in track for two years and cross country for three years.

He has served on the Student Council throughout his four years in high school and served as president for two years and a student School Committee member for one year. Todd has also found time for the Yearbook and school newspaper staffs. He has served as student representative on the Basic Skills Committee and given considerable effort to several activities and events that took place during the course of the school year.

Todd plans to attend Barrington College in Barrington, Rhode Island. Todd was also the recipient of the following scholarships: The Francis X. Martone Scholarship Award; The Nuchi T. Prifti Memorial Scholarship; The Southwick Auxiliary Police Association Scholarship; and The Southwick Citizens' Foundation of Southwick, Inc.

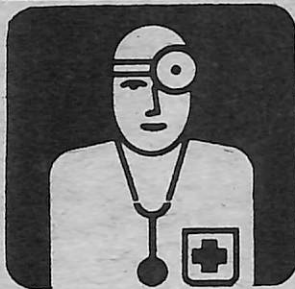
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SOUTHWICK HIGH JUNIORS WHO ATTENDED Boy's State at Clark University in Worcester are, back, from left, Stuart Arnold and John Coward. Front, Eric Jackson, and Brian Phillips. Missing are Robert Alberti and Bruce Lambert. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Students Attend Boys' State

Seven students from the junior class at Southwick High School attended Boys' State at Clark University in Worcester this week.

These boys included Robert Alberti of 180 Vin-ing Hill Road; John Coward of 13 Congamond Road; Bruce Lambert of 17 Shagbark Drive; Evan Anderson of South Lane No. 1, Granville; Stuart Arnold of Sheep Pasture Road; Eric Jackson of 13 Sheep Pasture Road; and Brian Phillips of 112 South Loomis Street.

Southwick American Legion Post 338 is the local sponsor of this program, under the direction of longtime Legion member William Alamed Sr.

The Legion has received generous financial support from the following organizations:

Robert Alberti (MotorX 338); John Coward (Post 338); Bruce Lambert (Southwick Firemen's Association); Evan Anderson (Southwick Grange); Stuart Arnold (Southwick Recreation Center); Eric Jackson (B. & E. Tool Company); Brian Phillips (Southwick Police Association).

Eligibility for Boys' State is based on character, leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship, and achievement.

Modservations

By Madge Barnes

Don't you wonder how many people are still living on standard time, in so far as they can manage it?

Don't you love (?) it when you struggle and struggle to open a jar using all the suggested gadgets. Then someone nearby takes it and releases it with ease? It just has to be that your applications did a good bit of loosening. How often it happens in life that the last one to handle the situation gets the credit. C'est la vive...

Do you ever wish that just once you could finish something without being interrupted...or is that just the normal pattern of life?

SUFFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Mon., June 21: High School: American chop suey, Italian bread, summer salad, devil's food cake, milk; McAlister & Elem: Summer Brunch: fruit punch, English toast with butter & syrup, cheese wedge, melon cup, milk

Tues., June 22: Hamburger in roll w/toppings, corn, peaches w/cream, milk

Wed., June 23: French bread pizza, green salad, pineapple, milk

Thurs., June 24: Lasagna, vegetable sticks, whole wheat bread, fruit cup, milk

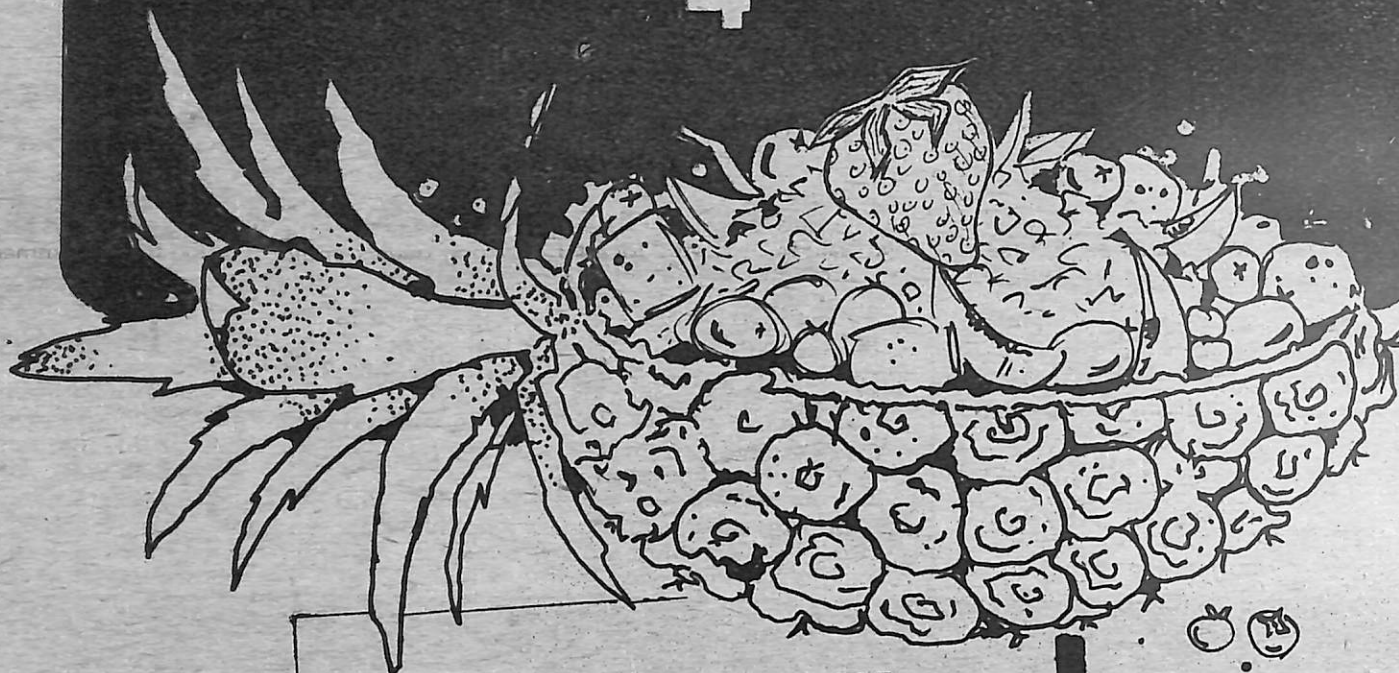
Fri., June 25: Lemonade, frankfurt in roll, vegetarian beans, applesauce, milk

Juniors Named To Suffield National Honor Society

Members of the Class of 1983 at Suffield High School who were named to the National Honor Society are Kristine Binder, Rose Cicero, Katherine Dorn, Chelen Edwards, Elizabeth Gooch, Robert Heyse, Bret Lynch, and Debra Wild.

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NANCY TUTTLE of the Connecticut River Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society presents a certificate of appreciation to West Suffield School students from left, Sarah Magliozzi (who read 44 books), Cassie Sears (raised the most money - \$55.20), and Geoff Patsch (who signed the most sponsors - 17). Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

West Suffield Students Benefit MS

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Students at West Suffield School received high praise this week for their enthusiastic participation in the recent readathon for the benefit of Multiple Sclerosis.

According to Nancy Tuttle of the Connecticut River Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, of the 25 schools in a twenty-town area, the 59 students from West Suffield School who participated read the most books and raised the most money. The students read a total of 626 books for an average of 16 books each and raised \$717.18.

Sarah Magliozzi, who read 44 books for the highest individual total, received special recognition as did Cassie Sears, who raised the most money (\$55.20), and Geoff Patsch, who signed up the most sponsors (17).

Miss Tuttle presented West Suffield School teacher

Lyle Pearsons with a special certificate of appreciation as well as the grand prize, a set of Americana encyclopedias which will accompany students when they move to Spaulding School in the fall.

Other students who won various prizes for participation included Chris Mavis, Matt Mavis, Carol Everberg, Tyler Hall, Becky Provost, Bruann Griggs, Chuck Sutton, Joy Sutton, David Gauthier, Carrie Burhoe, Jennifer Russell, Rebecca Cafarelli, Cassandra Antoni, Tara Folan, and Justin Osowiecki.

Also, Jonathan Griffin, Nicki Engler, Cathy Johnson, Ben Friedman, Heather Richard, Chris Walsh, Greg Wolf, Michelle Winnick, Chris Morello, Matt Colo, Monica Linzinmeir, Rachel McCormack, Matthew Jenks, Kimberly Romano, Jeff Walsh, Nicky Monegan, and Dana Kling.

Council For The Arts Awards Scholarships

Suffield: On June 4th, the Suffield Council for the Arts held auditions at Suffield High School for applicants for their scholarship awards. Two awards in the amount of \$400 each were presented.

Lisa Viscomi of 938 Thrall Avenue, Suffield, was one winner and will attend the University of Connecticut to major in fine arts.

E. Scott Hiser of 939 North Stone Street, West Suffield, was the other winner and will finish his last year at Berklee College of Music with a major in music arranging and performance.

SUFFIELD: Thomas Breor of Simsbury and a member.

Breor Gains Fame In FFA Agriculture

SUFFIELD: Thomas Breor of Simsbury and a member of the Suffield Regional FFA Chapter took another step toward national recognition in the FFA Placement in Agriculture Production Proficiency Award Program recently when his application was submitted for regional competition.

Breor was presented a \$100 check as the State FFA Placement in Agriculture Production Proficiency during the State FFA Convention. The Placement in Agriculture Production Award co-sponsored as a special guest of the National FFA Foundation by Hesston Corporation of Hesston, Kansas and the Shell Chemical Company of Houston, Texas is one of 22 FFA Proficiency Awards recognizing FFA members for achievement in activities leading to careers in agriculture.

Breor received the State Farmer Award, the highest degree the state can bestow upon its members for his work at Culbro Tobacco Farm at teacher Harrison Griffin's farm.

Breor's application will compete against other state winners for one of four nationwide regional awards. Only one regional winner will be selected from each of the four FFA administrative regions. The four regional winners in Placement in Agricultural Production will receive a plaque and a \$250 check and partially paid travel expenses to the National FFA Convention from the Hesston Corporation and Shell Chemical Company.

Should he be named regional winner, Breor will travel to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City this November where a panel will judge the regional Placement in Agriculture Production applications to select the national winner.

Francis Lutwinas of Enfield and a member of the Suffield Regional Chapter of the FFA received the District Star Farmer award for his work on the family farm. Lutwinas helps his father with the operation of the farm. He also was awarded the position of State Sentinel for the organization at the State Convention.

Debbie Brown of East Granby also a member of the FFA was awarded District Star Agri-businesswoman Award for her work at a local florist. She attended the convention as district chairperson serving the chapters of Hartford, Glastonbury and Suffield.

Suffield High Forms "Schools Match Wits" Team

Mrs. Sally O'Donnell, reading teacher at Suffield High School, has announced the formation of a Suffield High team to enter competition on television station WWLP-Channel 22's quiz show "As Schools Match Wits."

Plans call for intramural and interscholastic meets as well as challenges from the faculty for the '82-'83 school year.

Students participating in the competition include Carl Casighino, Debbie Case, Robert Evans, Joe Fitzgerald, Marilyn Jentzen, Jay Muska, Audra Philippon, Mary Beth Prew, Adam Roy, Robyn Wahl, Carol Zaczynski, Brian Casighino, Natalie Hall, Margo McCarthy, Tom Naughton, Greg Packard, and Ted Roy.

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ON THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH, the Suffield Council for the Arts, through the Visiting Artist Program, sponsored workshops in the Spaulding School Auditorium. The children are performing the play "St. George and the Dragon" and above, are pictured in their costumes. Back row, from left, Chris Stearns, Scott Roberts, Jeff Alderman, Jim Hinkel and Lisa Cahill. Front, Scott Price, David Quagliaroli, Beverly LaFlamme and Mark Morrison. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Spaulding Pupils In Arts Workshop

By Connie Davis

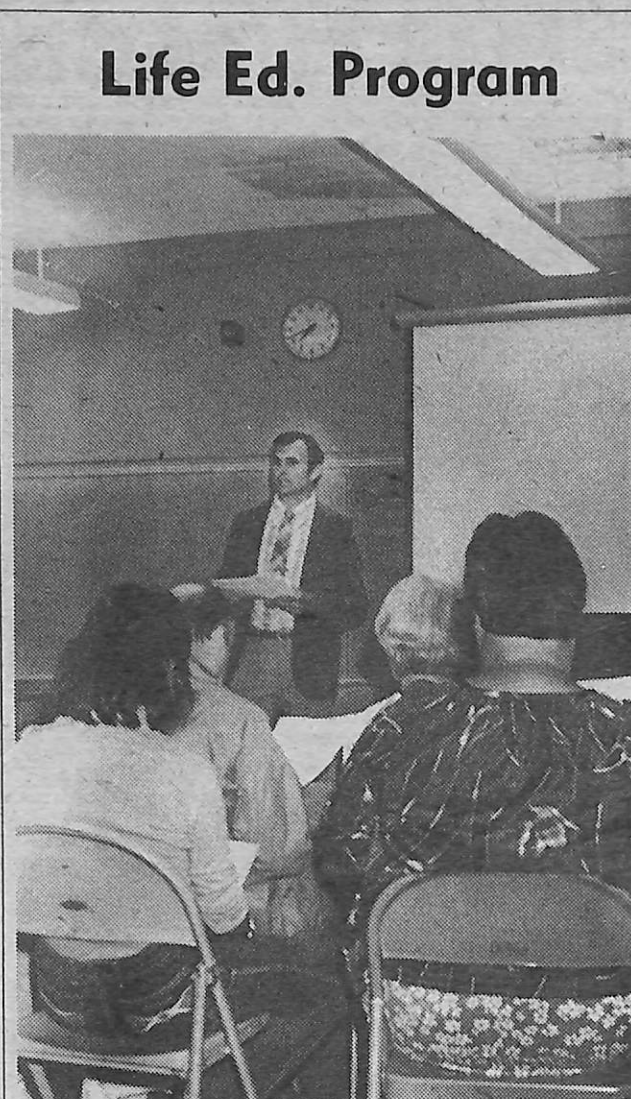
Suffield: Reading Lab students at Spaulding School brought old-time mummers' plays to life recently when they participated in a day-long workshop with Bill Carpenter, a member of the Traveling Artists and Performers Company.

In preparation for the play "St. George and the Dragon," Carpenter explained to the students that his special interest is old-time mummers' plays, which have been performed in European villages since medieval times. Carpenter pointed out to the students that St. George is the patron saint of England who was slain by a dragon and brought back to life by a wizard. Carpenter has spent considerable time since 1972

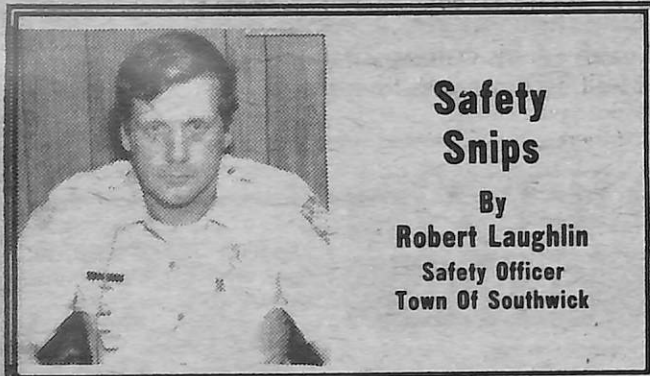
traveling to area schools creating "community celebrations." He helped Spaulding students recreate the legend of St. George, the dragon, and the wizard and added to the drama by including a Turkish knight, jester, and clowns.

Carpenter roused great enthusiasm from the fourth and fifth graders when he told them they were all "celebrating the end of school."

Earlier in the week, he had conducted activities with students at West Suffield and Bridge Street Schools. All of his programs were sponsored by the local Visiting Artists Fund.



CHARLES THOMPSON explains the Life Education course to parents of incoming seventh graders at McAlister Middle School in Suffield. Thompson reviewed subject matter and discussed course goals with parents. Each year parents are invited to the school to review the course before their children begin their studies next fall. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



Safety Snips

By
Robert Laughlin
Safety Officer
Town Of Southwick

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Woodland PAC To Meet

Southwick: The Woodland School Parent Teacher Cooperative will meet Monday, June 21st, at 7 p.m. at the school.

Plans for fundraising and the establishment of a volunteer program will be discussed.

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PARTICIPATING IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS at Fairfield University were, from left, Mark Martino, Steven Casey, and Serina Craig. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

11 Youths Sponsored By Suffield Jaycees In Special Olympics

SUFFIELD: The Suffield Jaycees sponsored eleven athletes who attended the Connecticut 1982 Special Olympic Games at Fairfield University held June 5th and 6th. Competing with 3,000 other athletes from Connecticut in track and field, swimming, softball, and frisbee events were Debbie Bruce, Kim Buskey, Tammy Alderman, Roxanne Bancroft, Steven Casey, Genny Cannon, Serina Craig, James Deven, Peter Gardner, Mark Martino and Bonnie Pasco.

The Suffield Recreation Department would like to extend its thanks to the Suffield Jaycees for their total support and dedication to the Special Olympics program.

Our sincere and special thanks to our volunteers; Nancy Freytag, Edith Anderson, JoAnne Santasiere, Lyda Difelice, Mary Jane Dyon, Lorraine Fuller, Bruce Fuller, Thomas Thresher, Kathy Munday and to Bill Steinka and Hank Wysocki for their outstanding enthusiasm and dedication.

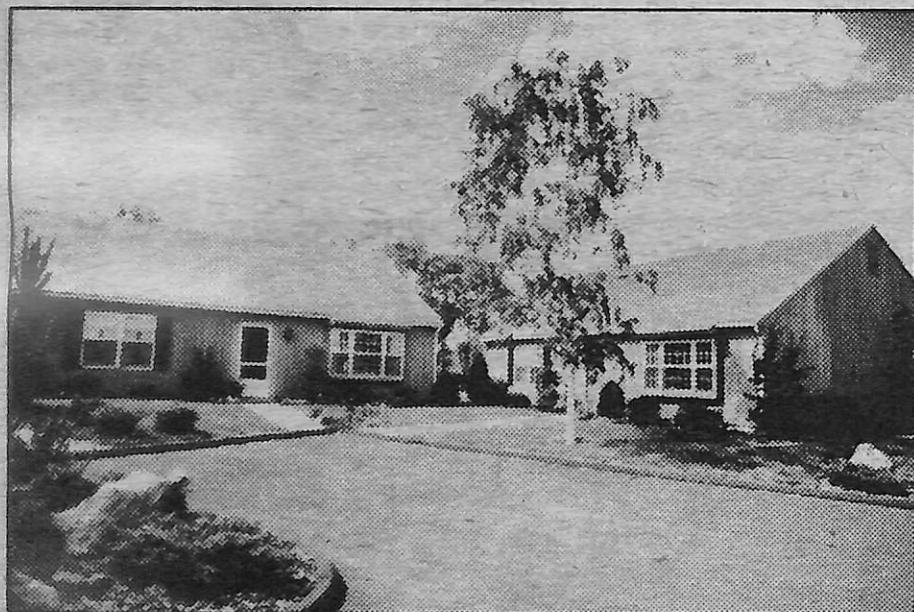
THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: Debbie Bruce, third in 50 meter, bronze in frisbee; Kim Buskey, bronze in 100 meter and 50 meter; Tammy Alderman, 7th in 50 meter; Roxanne Alderman, gold in softball, silver in frisbee, and 7th in 50 meter; Steven Casey, bronze in 50 meter, gold in softball, silver in frisbee; Genny Cannon, 6th in frisbee, 7th in softball, 8th in 50 meter; Serina Craig, silver in softball, 5th in 50 meter; James Deven, 4th in 50 meter, 5th in softball; Peter Gardner, gold in softball, silver in 50 meter, gold in 400 meter; Mark Martino, silver in 50 meter, bronze in 100 meter; Bonnie Pasco, 5th in softball.

Registering For Rec.



REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SUFFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S summer program were held at the McAlister Middle School on Tuesday, June 15th. From left, Santhosh Mathews, age 5, and Kusam Matthews, age 3, watch Gail LeGasse of the Suffield Rec Department fill-out their application forms.

Looking on is proud father John Matthews. Information on the summer programs can be received by calling Gail at the Rec Office at 668-0237. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.



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- Encourage your dog to jump hurdles. As the animal grows more limber, raise the level of the obstacle.
- When you jog, take the dog along. But always stop the minute you see signs of fatigue or hyperventilation.

Florek & Reed Named Outstanding Senior Athletes In Southwick

By Chris Hout

Seniors Kim Florek and David Reed of Southwick High School recently received respective "Outstanding Senior Athlete Awards" at the school's annual Awards Assembly on June 3.

The awards, which are voted on by all the school's coaches, are given to the male and female athlete who excel in inter-scholastic sports over the four year high school period.

The awards were presented by Southwick Athletic Director James Vincent.

The two college-bound seniors participated in three varsity sports and were more than prominent in all three.

Reed, who is headed for Franklin Pierce College in September, was a standout in soccer, basketball and track at the school.

In soccer, Reed was a halfback where he scored a total of 15 points in his two-year varsity stint. He was a second-team All Western Mass. selection and was voted to the All-League team.

In basketball, Reed averaged 10.5 points and 12 rebounds for the Rams last season. The 5-10 senior could also "slam dunk" a basketball, one of only a handful of in the Western Mass. area able to do so.

Reed, a jumping-jack guard, was captain of the basketball quintet as well as being top man on the soccer team.

In track, Reed broke a record and also tied one in his senior year. He broke the school's high-jump mark with a 5-11 showing (told you he could dunk), he also tied the school's record in the 440-yard run with his time of 52.5.

Reed also ran a leg in the team's mile-relay which set a school record 3:33 this year.

He was a four year member of the varsity track team. Reed plans to play only soccer in the collegiate ranks.

Equally as prolific as her male counterpart, Florek also competed in three varsity sports while attending Southwick High: field hockey, basketball and softball.

In field hockey, Florek was a two-time All-League choice and a 1981 All-Western Mass. selection for her accolades as a halfback. She was voted the team's "Most Valuable Player" and according to Coach Sheila Bewsee, "Kim has the potential to compete in the Summer Olympics (1988) if she puts her mind to it."

In basketball, she was an All-Western Mass. standout after leading the Rams into the Western Mass. tournament. Florek, a three-year varsity hoop player, ended her career by scoring 18 points against Monument Mountain in a 48-41 first round loss.

In softball, she led the team in five offensive categories (homers, average, doubles, triples and RBI's) in her initial year as a catcher.

All-Western Mass. softball selections have not been made at presstime, but Kim has a solid shot at making the team for the third consecutive time in three different sports.

"Kim can do just about everything once she puts her mind to it," said Bewsee, who coached Kim for three years in field hockey. "Athletes like Kim don't come around very often."

Florek, who already has her mind set on Westfield State College in the fall, may opt for UMass in the fall of 1983. UMass has one of the finest field hockey programs in the country and this could benefit the star athlete's continued excellence in the collegiate ranks.



DISPLAYING THE HARDWARE are Kim Florek and Dave Reed. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Rec. Scores May 31 - June 7

KICKBALL

Red - 63, Blue - 29

Granville - 26, Blue - 23

Granville - 35, Red - 34

GIRLS' 9-11 SOFTBALL

Orange - 19, Red - 9

Green - 20, Granville - 7

Green - 9, Orange - 8

Green - 2, Blue - 1

GIRLS' 12-16 SOFTBALL

Green - 19, Red - 14

Blue - 12, Green - 8

Green - 21, Red - 8

Blue - 9, Red - 4

BOYS' 8-9 BASEBALL

Granville - 8, Cards - 7

Braves - 13, Granville - 12

Pirates - 14, Braves - 12

Cards - 25, Dodgers - 7

BOYS' 10-12 BASEBALL

Orioles - 9, Yanks - 8

Reds - 24, Granville - 2

A's - 27, Yanks - 4

Yanks - 11, Tigers - 1

Reds - 11, Tigers - 9

Orioles - 9, A's - 8

Reds - 4, Granville - 3

Orioles - 18, Yanks - 14

Tigers - 10, Orioles - 4

BOYS' 13-15 BASEBALL

Padres - 6, Red Sox - 0

Mets - 4, Padres - 2

Padres - 10, Red Sox - 9



Recreation Center

By Cindy Meaney-Massai

The "Hello Summer Vacation" dance held at the Southwick Rec Center for sixth, seventh and eighth graders was a big success. The kids has a great time dancing and we hope to have another dance in September.

The Southwick Rec Center will be holding the First Annual Carl Maloney S.R.C. Open Golf Tournament at the Southwick Country Club on Saturday, August 21. The Tournament is open to men and women and the Callaway system will be used for scoring.

After the tournament, a steak dinner will take place at the Rec Center building. Everyone will be receiving a prize at the dinner. For information and tickets concerning the golf tournament, please contact Art Menard at 569-5841.

The Southwick Rec Center is pleased to announce that it will be sponsoring a golf clinic this summer at the Southwick Country Club. The Southwick Country Club will be donating time, personnel and the golf course for this function. The golf clinic will be offered to both boys and girls aged 9-16 years old. For more information concerning this, please contact Art Menard at 569-5841.

The Seventh Annual Southwick Sailboat Regatta sponsored by the Southwick Recreation Center will take place on Sunday, June 27, at 11:00 A.M. on Lake Congamond. Proceeds from the races will benefit the Congamond Lake Redevelopment Association. Registration forms for the regatta may be picked up at the Rec Center building on Wednesday nights. For more information on this, please call 569-5811 or 569-5950.

Soccer sign-ups will take place on Sunday, June 27, at the Rec Center building from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please attend this sign-up, as it is important for the Rec Center to know how many children will be participating in the Soccer program this year. We hope to see alot of you soccer enthusiasts for this sign-up!

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THEY'RE OFF... Runners take off on a rainy Sunday afternoon to participate in the first annual Congamond Jog-a-Thon. 120 runners participated. Advertiser/News photo by Penny Stone.

First Annual Jog-a-Thon...

120 Runners Hit Congamond Course

It was the best of days; it was the worst of days...It all depended on which side of the street you were on.

For the 120 registered runners who competed in the first annual 5.2 mile Congamond Jog-a-Thon held in the pouring rain last Sunday it was the best of days.

Men, women, and children who were experienced runners showed no sign of annoyance when the heavens opened up and showered their flexing, working bodies as the 11:00 o'clock race began.

Sponsors, town officials, and other spectators, however, stood watching with dampened spirits and soaking wet clothing, making the short run seem much longer than it actually was.

Twenty-seven minutes and seventeen seconds after the start of the race, 35 year old Lenny Sheenan of East Hampton crossed the finish line, wet but still showing good form. About one minute and forty seconds later the second finisher, 26 year old John Turbak from Thompsonville, Connecticut, arrived, followed by a similar margin with 47 year old Richard Shook of Pittsfield.

The first Southwick resident across the finish line was 15-year-old Ron Ward of 51 North Lake Avenue, who made the 5.2 mile run in a good 31:40.8, which earned him first place in the 13-15 male category as well as the overall Lake Resident award. Ron, who runs cross country and track at Southwick High, says he runs an average of five to six miles and that "the run around the lakes" is basically his daily workout.

Charles Seger, a 56 year old runner from 1139 Newgate Road in West Suffield covered the course in 37:43.2 to take first place in the 50-59 male grouping.

Participants from many surrounding towns and some from as far away as Vermont and New York commented on the 5.2 mile course. Runners felt it was a "very good course" with good traffic control and mile markers which "could not be missed."

When asked about the effects of the steady, cool rain, competitors unanimously agreed that they'd rather run on a wet, lightly raining day than on a hot day. "The rain keeps you from getting overheated," said Bebe Renna of Suffield who ran in this event with



RECIPIENTS OF LAKE RESIDENT AWARD: Carla Cecchini with a time of 41:24.6 and Ron Ward, with a time of 31:40.8. Carla is a resident of Granville Road and Ron resides at 51 North Lake Avenue. Advertiser/News photo by Penny Stone.

a friend, Helen Putriment, in order to encourage one another on.

Rain notwithstanding, it was a very successful event and Ron Clark, owner of Congamond Good Times and Southwoods' publishers Buz and Carol Caron, co-sponsors of the fundraiser for the Lakes Redevelopment Corporation, were pleased with the turnout and the overall response.

"We've made a few mistakes with our first one," said Mrs. Caron, "so next year's race will be that much better."

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